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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: SCOTT C. JOHNSON ET AL.

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For: NETWORK CONNECTED COMPUTING SYSTEM
INCLUDING NETWORK SWITCH

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Examiner: Shingles, Kristie D.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 22, 2004

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated July 22, 2004.
Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action rejects claims 1-132. Applicants point out that a preliminary amendment was filed on May 31, 2001 which canceled claims 1-132 and added claims 133-211. A copy of this preliminary amendment is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.